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NOTE FOR: 

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FROM: 

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SUBJECT: SIG(I)

1. Attached are the pertinent portions from NSDD 2 which outline the SIG(I) membership and areas of responsibility. So far, we have concentrated on responsibilities 1 and 2. There are plans to have a meeting on counter-intelligence matters later this month.

2. I think it would be fair to characterize our use of the SIG(I) to date as essentially damage limiting. Consideration of the budget has been pro forma. In part, this is because the membership has been several levels below that which NSDD 2 calls for. At its first meeting, the SIG(I) considered and approved the NITs. But, as in the case of the budget, the membership was considerably less lofty than the PRC(I) at the Cabinet-level which approved NITs in the Carter Administration. We are attempting to elevate attendance at the SIG(I) meetings in the future. Admiral Inman has agreed to let us make more of an effort to arrange meetings at times that are convenient to the principal members and to hold the meetings in the White House Situation Room rather than at the Community Headquarters Building.

3. The SIG(I) should serve as a policymakers' review board for production, collection, and budget activities. It should consider things before they reach the NSC or NSPG level.

4. For your background, you may be interested in knowing that the SIG(I) met three times during 1981. In June to approve the NITs, in August to review the FY 83 National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP), and in November to review the FY 83 NFIP budget. All the meetings have been chaired by Admiral Inman, but the next one to consider counterintelligence activities is scheduled to be chaired by Mr. Casey. Agendas and papers are circulated in advance of meetings and minutes are sent to all members for their information. The IC Staff acts as Secretary for the SIG(I).

5. Please let me know if there is any additional information that will help you prepare your talk.

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NSC review completed.

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B. The Senior Interagency Group -- Defense Policy (SIG-DP)

To advise and assist the NSC in exercising its authority and discharging its responsibility for defense policy and defense matters, the SIG-DP is established. The SIG-DP shall consist of the Director of Central Intelligence; the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; the Deputy or an Under Secretary of State; the Deputy Secretary of Defense (Chairman); and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Representatives of other Departments and Agencies with responsibility for specific matters to be considered will attend on invitation by the Chairman.

The SIG-DP will:

1. Ensure that important defense policy issues requiring interagency attention receive full, prompt, and systematic consideration;
2. Deal with interdepartmental matters raised by any member or referred to it by subordinate interagency groups, or if such matters require higher-level consideration, report them to the Secretary of Defense for decision or referral to the NSC; and
3. Monitor the execution of approved policies and decisions.

A permanent secretariat, composed of personnel of the Department of Defense augmented as necessary by personnel provided in response to the Chairman's request by the Departments and Agencies represented on the SIG-DP, shall be established.

C. The Senior Interagency Group -- Intelligence (SIG-I)

To advise and assist the NSC in exercising its authority and discharging its responsibility for intelligence policy and intelligence matters, the SIG-I is established. The SIG-I shall consist of Director of Central Intelligence (Chairman); the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; the Deputy Secretary of State; the Deputy Secretary of Defense; and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Representatives of other Departments and Agencies will attend on invitation by the Chairman when such Departments and agencies have a direct interest in intelligence activities under consideration.

When meeting to consider sensitive intelligence collection activities referred by the Director of Central Intelligence, the membership of the Group shall be augmented, as necessary, by the head of each organization within the Intelligence Community directly involved in the activity in question. When meeting to consider counterintelligence activities, the Group shall be augmented by the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director, National Security Agency.

The SIG-I will:

- (1) Establish requirements and priorities for national foreign intelligence;
- (2) Review such National Foreign Intelligence Program and budget proposals and other matters as are referred to it by the Director of Central Intelligence;
- (3) Review proposals for sensitive foreign intelligence collection operations referred by the Director of Central Intelligence;
- (4) Develop standards and doctrine for the counterintelligence activities of the United States; resolve interagency differences concerning the implementation of counterintelligence policy; and develop and monitor guidelines, consistent with applicable law and Executive orders, for the maintenance of central counterintelligence records;
- (5) Consider and approve any counterintelligence activity referred to the Group by the head of any organization in the Intelligence Community;
- (6) Submit to the NSC an overall annual assessment of the relative threat to United States interests from intelligence and security services of foreign powers and from international terrorist activities; including an assessment of the effectiveness of the United States counterintelligence activities;
- (7) Conduct an annual review of ongoing sensitive national foreign intelligence collection operations and sensitive counterintelligence activities and report thereon to the NSC; and
- (8) Carry out such additional coordination review and approval of intelligence activities as the President may direct.

A permanent secretariat, composed of personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency augmented as necessary by personnel provided in response to the Chairman's request by the Departments and Agencies represented on the SIG-I, shall be established.

D. Regional and Functional Interagency Groups

To assist the SIG-FP, Interagency Groups (IGS) shall be established by the Secretary of State for each geographic region corresponding to the jurisdiction of the geographic bureaus in the Department of State, for Political-Military Affairs, and for International Economic Affairs. Each IG shall be comprised of the Director of Central Intelligence; the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the appropriate Assistant Secretary of State (Chairman); and a designated representative of the Secretary of Defense. Representatives of other Departments and Agencies with responsibility for specific matters to be considered will attend on invitation by the Chairman. The IG for International Economic Affairs will, in addition to the above membership, include representatives of the Secretary of Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, and the U.S. Trade Representative.

IGs for arms control matters will, in addition to the above membership, include a representative of the Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Arms control IGs will be chaired by the representative of the Secretary of State or the representative of the Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in accordance with guidelines to be provided by the SIG-FP.

To assist the SIG-DP, IGs shall be established by the Secretary of Defense corresponding to the functional areas within the Department of Defense. Each IG shall be comprised of the appropriate Under or Assistant Secretary of Defense (Chairman); a representative of the Secretary of State; the Director of Central Intelligence; the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Representatives of other Departments and Agencies will attend on invitation by the Chairman.

Under and Assistant Secretaries, in their capacities as Chairmen of the IGs, will assure the adequacy of United States policy in the areas of their responsibility and of the plans, programs, resources, and performance for implementing that policy. They will be responsible for the conduct of interagency policy studies within the areas of their responsibility for consideration by the SIG.

The Regional IGs also shall prepare contingency plans pertaining to potential crises in their respective areas of responsibility. Contingency planning will be conducted in

coordination with the Chairman of the Political-Military IG, with the exception of the military response option for employment of forces in potential crises, which will remain within the purview of the Department of Defense and will be developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

To deal with specific contingencies, the IGs will establish full-time working groups, which will provide support to the crisis management operations of the NSC. These groups will reflect the institutional membership of the parent body, together with such additional members as may be required to respond to the contingency with the full weight of available expertise.

To assist the SIG-I, IGs shall be established by the Director of Central Intelligence. The IG for Counterintelligence shall consist of representatives of the Secretary of State; Secretary of Defense; the Director of Central Intelligence; the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Director, National Security Agency; and a representative of the head of any other Intelligence Community organization directly involved in the activities under discussion. The IG for Counterintelligence will be under the chairmanship of the representative of the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with guidelines to be provided by the SIG-I.

The operational responsibility or authority of a Secretary or other Agency head over personnel from the Department or Agency concerned serving on IGs -- including the authority to give necessary guidance to the representatives in the performance of IG duties -- is not limited by this Directive.

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